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France, Greece, Ireland,* Netherlands,* Nigeria,*+ Portugal and Spain:* draft resolution

Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/11 of 9 May 1979, which recommended that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women be located in the Dominican Republic, a developing country,

Recalling also its resolution 1999/54 of 29 July 1999 requesting the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to adopt a new approach to research, training and communication through increased use of new information and communication technologies,

Recalling further the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Institute[1] and General Assembly resolution 54/140 of 17 December 1999 on the revitalization and strengthening of the Institute,

Recalling the importance of information and communication technologies for the advancement of women and the role of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System in gender research, training information dissemination and networking, particularly for women in developing countries, while at the same time supporting traditional methods of information dissemination, research and training,

Taking note of paragraph 85 (c) of the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century",[2] which called for support for national efforts, particularly in developing countries, for enlarged access to new

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.
\+ On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.
[1] A/54/352.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-23/10/Rev.1).

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information technology as part of the efforts to develop collaborative research, training and information dissemination, including through the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System being developed by the Institute, while at the same time supporting traditional methods of information dissemination, research and training,

Stressing the need to rectify continuing anomalies noted in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on an evaluation of the Institute,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twentieth session[4] and of the recommendations and decisions contained therein;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;[5]

3. *Commends* the Institute for undertaking important measures for its revitalization, in particular the development and launching of the prototype of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System at the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly held in New York in June 2000, and its presentation at the information technology exhibit held in this connection at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in July 2000;

4. *Acknowledges and appreciates* the support of those Governments and organizations that have contributed towards the revitalization efforts of the Institute and the preparation of the prototype of the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System;

5. *Expresses grave concern* that, despite these efforts, the level of contributions has not adequately increased to a level to enable the full implementation of the System nor the operational viability of the Institute beyond 31 December 2000;

6. *Urges* Member States to inform the Institute as soon as possible if contributions will be forthcoming in order for it to be able to plan its operations beyond 2000;

7. *Urges* the Institute, in order to improve its financial situation, to continue to explore new and innovative means of funding, and, in this regard, decides to amend article VI.1 of the statute of the Institute, as follows:

> "The activities of the Institute shall be funded by voluntary contributions from States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, foundations, including the United Nations Foundation, private sources and other sources in accordance with article VII of the Statute";

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to invite Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute so that it can continue to fulfil its mandate beyond 2000;

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[3] A/54/156-E/1999/102.
[4] E/2000/58.
[5] E/2000/59.

(b) To encourage other relevant sources of funding within the United Nations, such as the United Nations Foundation, to contribute to the restructuring of the Institute;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly, at its fifty-fifth session, information on:

(a) Progress made in securing an adequate financial base for the Institute's operational viability beyond 2000;

(b) Progress made in addressing the administrative anomalies noted in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[3]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2001 on the implementation of the present resolution.